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,. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTELS:

A. APRIL 14-18 TIMEFRAME IS ACCEPTABLE TO US, ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME MEETING ITSELF WILL NOT GO BEYOND USUAL 2-3 DAYS. WHEN PASSING WORD, MISSION SHOULD REEMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE ASCRIBE TO PARTICIPATION AT POLICY MAKING LEVEL. IN OUR VIEW APAG MEETINGS CAN PROVIDE VERY USEFUL FORUM AND PERFORM SUBSTANTIAL FUNCTION FOR THE ALLIANCE TO THE EXTENT THAT GOVERNMENTS ARE REPRESENTED AT POLICY LEVEL. FOR OUR PART, US DELEGATION WILL HEADED BY POLICY PLANNING STAFF DIRECTOR WINSTON LORD AND INCLUDE S/P DEPUTY DIRECTOR REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW AND EUR REPRESENTATIVE.

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B. YOU ARE CORRECT IN REAFFIRMING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE TOPIC

AGREED ON FOR THIS MEETING DURING JUNE APAG SESSION:
"PROBLEM (OR ROLE) OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING RAW
MATERIALS, ENERGY AND FOOD IN THE EAST WEST CONTEXT."
HOWEVER, IF AS KASTL SUGGESTS (USNATO 67), FRENCH NEED MORE
INNOCUOUS TITLE OF "EAST WEST COOPERATION" FOR PUBLIC
CONSUMPTION, WE COULD ACCEPT THIS COVER AS LONG AS IT WERE
UNDERSTOOD THAT ACTUAL SUBSTANCE WILL REMAIN

AS DECIDED AT LISBON MEETING IN JUNE. SUBJECT IS OBVIOUSLY TIMELY AND OF SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING FRENCH.

- C. WE ARE SURPRISED AT POLADS CONCLUSION THAT COPENHAGEN APAG MEETING NOT RPT NOT BE HELD BEFORE SPRING 1976 (PARA 1B, USNATO 49). YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT LISBON IT WAS AGREED THAT APAG MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD THREE TIMES EVERY TWO YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION SHOULD RECALL ABOVE LISBON AGREEMENT AND SUGGEST THIS MATTER BE DISCUSSED AT ROYAUMONT.
- 2. MISSION SHOULD FOLLOW ABOVE GUIDANCE AT BOTH SPC AND NAC DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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